

In the Claims:

- 1 (currently amended): A child's support consisting of a sling having a channel between its ends for passing a branch of the sling there through.
- 2 (currently amended): A child's support consisting of a sling according to claim 1, wherein the sling is an elongated piece of fabric.
- 3 (currently amended): A child's support consisting of a sling according to claim 1, wherein the channel is near the middle of the sling.
- 4 (currently amended): A child's support consisting of a sling according to claim 3, wherein the channel extends cross-wise of the sling.
- 5 (currently amended): A child's support consisting of a sling according to claim 1, wherein is also formed a pocket for holding child-care things.
- 6 (currently amended): A child's support consisting of a sling according to claim 1, wherein the sling is an elongated piece of fabric, wherein the channel is near the middle of the sling and extends cross-wise of the sling, and wherein is also formed a pocket for holding child-care things.
- 7 (currently amended): A child's support consisting of a sling for the cross-carrying position comprising an elongated piece of fabric having a channel disposed between its ends so as to be in the middle of the would-be-carrier's lower back when the sling is looped over the carrier's head.
- 8 (currently amended): A child's support consisting of a sling for the cross-carrying position according to claim 7, wherein a first branch of the sling ~~is-passed~~ passes across the front of the would-be carrier and around the back through the channel and to the front of the would-be-carrier when in use.

- 9 (currently amended): A child's support consisting of a sling for the cross-carrying position according to claim 8, wherein the other branch ~~is-passed~~ passes in the other direction across the front of the would-be carrier and around the back and to the front of the would-be-carrier and is tied in a knot with the first branch.
- 10 (currently amended): A child's support consisting of a sling for the cross-carrying position according to claim 8, wherein the other branch ~~is-passed~~ passes in the other direction across the front of the would-be carrier and around the back through the channel and to the front of the would-be-carrier and is tied in a knot with the first branch.
- 11 (currently amended): A child's support consisting of a sling for the cross-carrying position according to claim 9, wherein the knot is loosely tied at first and tied securely after the child has been placed in the sling and the sling adjusted to sit the child comfortably therein.
- 12 (currently amended): A child's support consisting of a sling for the cross-carrying position according to claim 10, wherein the knot is loosely tied at first and tied securely after the child has been placed in the sling and the sling adjusted to sit the child comfortably therein.
- 13 (currently amended): A child's support consisting of a sling for the cross-carrying position according to claim 11, wherein a pocket for holding child-care things ~~is-formed~~ exists in a branch of the sling and the pocket is beyond the knot.
- 14 (currently amended): A child's support consisting of a sling for the cross-carrying position according to claim 12, wherein a pocket for holding child-care things ~~is-formed~~ exists in a branch of the sling and the pocket is beyond the knot.
- 15 (currently amended): A child's support consisting of a sling for the single-shoulder-carrying position, comprising an elongated piece of fabric having a channel disposed between its ends so as to be on top of the would-be-carrier's shoulder when the sling is draped there over.

- 16 (currently amended): A child's support consisting of a sling for the single-shoulder carrying position according to claim 15, wherein a first branch of the sling is passed across the front of the would-be carrier and around and up the back and through the channel on the shoulder of the would-be-carrier.
- 17 (currently amended): A child's support consisting of a sling for the single-shoulder carrying position according to claim 16, wherein the other branch is passed around the back and to and across the front of the would-be carrier and up to and through the channel and tied in a knot with the first branch.
- 18 (currently amended): A method for carrying a child in a support consisting of a sling having a channel between its ends, comprising a first step of disposing the sling on a would-be carrier so that the channel is located for receiving one of its free ends, and the step of disposing a branch of the sling so as to extend through the channel, wherein the other branch is passed in the other direction across the front of the would-be carrier and around the back through the channel and to the front of the would-be-carrier and tied in a knot with the first branch.
- 19 (currently amended): A method for carrying a child in a support consisting of a sling having a channel between its ends according to claim 18, wherein the sling is disposed so that the channel is located in the middle of the lower back and the branches of the sling extend forward over the would-be carrier's shoulders, and the step of passing a first branch of the sling across the front of the would-be carrier and around the back through the channel and to the front of the would-be-carrier. and the step of passing the other branch in the other direction across the front of the would-be carrier and around the back through the channel and to the front of the would-be-carrier and tying in a knot with the first branch.

20 (currently amended): A method for carrying a child in a support consisting of a sling having a channel between its ends according to claim 18, wherein the sling is disposed so that the channel is located on the shoulder of a would-be carrier, and the step of passing a first branch of the sling across the front of the would-be carrier and around and up the back and through the channel on the shoulder of the would-be-carrier, and the step of passing the other branch around the back and to and across the front of the would-be carrier and up to and through the channel and tying in a knot with the first branch.